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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Akira IMAI, et al.  
Application No.: 10/623,849  
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For: MANUFACTURING METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR  
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT  
Art Group: 1765  
Examiner: William A. Powell

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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August 22, 2003

Sir:

Supplementing the Preliminary Amendment filed July 22, 2003, please further amend the above-identified application as listed in the following and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks are included following the amendments.**